

May 11, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mark Pentz, Chandler, Chair

SUBJECT: **REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

For item # 6, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update and Guidance, the agenda is being modified to include possible action on the item. This is being requested to consider special circumstances that have become known regarding bid savings and some projects that require additional funding. The issues will be presented at the Management Committee and the possibility of a special Management Committee will be discussed. If you have any questions, please contact the MAG Office.

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 12, 2010**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of April 14, 2010, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the April 14, 2010, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Status Report

A Status Report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds dedicated to transportation projects in the MAG region details the status of project development. The report covers highway, local, transit, and enhancement projects programmed with ARRA funds and the status of project development milestones per project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Fiscal Year 2010 Regional Area Road Fund Closeout

The Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) Closeout Process was established in Section 260 of the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council. A financial analysis of ALCP revenues and expenditures as well as the ALCP bonding program was conducted. After reviewing the output of the analysis, MAG staff recommended that five eligible projects be reimbursed in the fiscal year (FY) 2010 ALCP RARF Closeout Process. The MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Fiscal Year 2010 MAG Highway Safety Improvement Program Projects

A total of \$1 million in FY 2010 Highway Safety Improvement Program funds has been suballocated by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to MAG for road safety improvements in the region. On March 1, 2010, ADOT informed MAG that the list of recommended safety projects was due by June 1, 2010, to enable timely obligation. Due to the short time available to obligate the funds, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee adopted a process that would result in three categories of road safety improvement projects that could be obligated in the available time frame. On March 24, 2010, MAG staff announced a call for projects with a submittal deadline of April 9, 2010.

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Recommend approval of advancing \$23.995 million in Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) project reimbursements to 2010 for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 ALCP RARF Closeout, and amend the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program, the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Update, as necessary.

5D. Recommend approval of the listing of selected projects for FY 2010 highway safety improvement program funds.

Seventeen applications were received by MAG. The Transportation Safety Committee reviewed the applications and recommended a list of projects for funding. On April 29, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Committee. The FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program amendment to include these projects is addressed in agenda item #5E. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed project changes include amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP for highway projects that include adding an ADOT pavement project on I-17, combining two Glendale pedestrian projects into a single project, and adding a series of safety projects in various MAG cities and towns contingent on approval of agenda item #5D. The project adjustments and new projects being added to the TIP are fiscally constrained and funding is available. The projects to be added or amended have been categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and the administrative modification includes minor revisions that do not require a conformity determination. On April 29, 2010, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the amendments and administrative modifications. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Consultant Selection for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study

The fiscal year (FY) 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009, was amended in March 2010 to include \$300,000 to

5E. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update.

5F. Recommend that HDR, Inc. be selected to conduct the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

conduct the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in the process of completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the widening of Interstate 10, the Maricopa Freeway, between the SR-51/SR-202L/Red Mountain "Mini-Stack" and SR-202L/Santan-South Mountain "Pecos Stack" traffic interchanges. During the course of the EIS, questions have been raised by MAG member agencies about the investment being made in this corridor and the need for alternative transportation options, in addition to widening Interstate 10 and improving the system traffic interchanges, to accommodate the growing travel demand between the East Valley and Central Phoenix. MAG proposes conducting the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study for these purposes. A request for proposals was advertised on March 22, 2010 and four proposals were received. A multi-agency proposal evaluation team reviewed the proposal documents and, on April 28, 2010, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of HDR, Inc. to conduct the project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5G. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report is being provided to members of the MAG Management Committee on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Information and discussion.

*5H. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including a new ADOT pavement project on Interstate-17, two Glendale pedestrian projects combined into a single project, and a series of safety projects in various MAG cities and towns. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update and Guidance

All American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects in the MAG region were obligated prior to the established deadline of March 2, 2010. Currently, ARRA-funded projects are going out for construction bid, and it is expected that all bids will be finalized by the end of May 2010. An update and additional guidance regarding the deobligation and utilization of ARRA funds are provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update and Review of Project Deferral Requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 MAG Closeout

MAG staff will provide an update on the amount of funds available for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010 MAG Federal Fund Closeout (Closeout) and review projects deferral requests for the FFY 2010 Closeout. The deadline for FFY 2010 Closeout project submittal and initial deferral notification was April 19, 2010. Information regarding project deferral requests is attached. The Transportation

6. Information, discussion, and possible action.

7. Recommend approval of a list of projects to be deferred from FFY 2010 to FFY 2011 or later, approval of a list of projects requesting to remove federal funds from the project, and make the necessary amendments and modifications to the 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as necessary to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update.

Review Committee recommended approval of this item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Acceptance of Commuter Rail Planning Studies

Since 2008, MAG has been engaged in developing three commuter rail studies. The Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan provides a detailed evaluation of the feasibility and necessary elements to successfully implement commuter rail service along the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe (BNSF) Phoenix Subdivision between Phoenix and Wickenburg. The Union Pacific (UP) Yuma West Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan provides a detailed evaluation of the feasibility and necessary elements to successfully implement commuter rail service along the Yuma West rail line between Buckeye and Union Station in downtown Phoenix, with a conceptual evaluation of the issues associated with extending the corridor to the Tempe Branch line in Tempe. The Commuter Rail System Study provides an evaluation of commuter rail options for the MAG region and the potential connecting routes immediately adjacent to the MAG region. The study establishes priorities for implementing commuter rail service through an evaluation of ridership potential, operating strategies, and associated capital and operating costs. The Commuter Rail Planning Studies were previously accepted by the MAG Transit Committee on April 8, 2010, and were accepted by the Transportation Review Committee on April 29, 2010. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Recommendation to: 1) accept the findings of the Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan, Yuma West Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan, and Commuter Rail System Study; and 2) revise the corridor ranking included in the Commuter Rail System Study upon the completion of updated regional socioeconomic forecasts or relevant passenger rail studies.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

On April 19, 2010, the MAG Executive Committee discussed the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency. In the advance notice published by HUD, large metropolitan areas are eligible to receive up to \$5 million to develop a regional plan for sustainable

9. Information and discussion.

development. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is anticipated by mid-May with a deadline of early July. In total, up to \$100 million is available nationally.

The purpose of the program is to integrate housing, economic development, and transportation planning in order to enhance the economy, environment, and social equity. It was determined it was advisable to receive input from the officers of the MAG Technical Committees regarding current work or interest in the area of sustainability. In addition, MAG is soliciting feedback from community partners that are involved in related initiatives. The possibility of submitting an application on behalf of the Sun Corridor is being explored. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Approval of the Draft FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Member Dues and Assessments

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. This year, draft budget presentations were held and incremental information on the budget was presented beginning in January 2010 through April 2010. The total dues and assessments for FY 2011 continue to be reduced by 50 percent. As adjustments to the budget were made, the draft budget document was updated and presented to the Management Committee, Regional Council Executive Committee, and Regional Council. The Work Program and Annual Budget was reviewed and discussed by state and federal agencies at the April 29, 2010, Intermodal Planning Group meeting. The Draft FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being presented for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

10. Recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Draft FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

11. Information, discussion, and possible action.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

14. Adjournment

12. Information and discussion.

13. Information.